

Sion Hill Estate, Great House  
Queen's Quarter  
St. Croix Island  
Virgin Islands

HABS No. VI-64-A

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virgin Islands	COUNTY St. Croix	TOWN OR VICINITY Queen's Quarter
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Sion Hill Estate, Great House		HABS NO. VI-64 A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1765 (per datestone)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A good example of an eighteenth-century plantation house. Although a ruin, it still gives a clear idea of its original character.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Limestone blocks (load-bearing)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 50' (five-bay front) x 30' (three bays)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Window and door surrounds, quoins, and cornice are all of cut sandstone. Walls except the sandstone trim were stuccoed. Roof, now missing, was hipped. Front porch enclosed. Terrace across rear supported by broad elliptical vault.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Openings had flat heads on exterior, segmental arches with splayed jambs on interior. Windows have recessed sills.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Ruins.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Keystone over rear door reads "I.B. 1765 S.H." (I. Bradshaw, S. Heilliger) Keystone over front door reads "K.M. 1958" (Kenneth Merrill, who stabilized ruins)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Field notes by J. Michael Everett and F. C. Gjessing, November, 1960.		
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